

Minutes – Executive Session
Bureau of Pipefitters, Refrigeration Technicians and Sprinklerfitters
Department of Public Safety, Bldg. B, 1380 Bay St., Taunton, MA 02780
December 10, 2014

Executive Session: The Chairman explained that there were several members who were not present at the last meeting on November 5, 2014, at which time the Bureau did move to Executive Session. At the request of several members, and since the Executive Session minutes are not part of the published minutes of the regular meeting, the Chairman summarized the discussion from November's Executive Session. The process that the Bureau had been using to conduct review of the work experience, when each application was passed from member to member, may have not been in compliance with open meeting law. So, going forward, each member will receive a copy of every application to be reviewed at each meeting. The Chairman explained that the minutes of executive sessions will be kept apart from the regular meeting minutes. He also let the members know that only certain matters are allowed to be discussed in executive session. John Viola asked about a matter discussed during the last executive session in November, whether a Bureau member should recuse themselves if they know the applicant, if counsel had provided and answer to this. The Chairman explained that a member can recuse them self at any time, and not necessarily if they simply know an applicant. There are certain instances which could pose a conflict of interest, such as being related to the applicant, not simply knowing the applicant. Mark Fortune added that if there is no benefit to the bureau member, then merely knowing the applicant is not a conflict. The Chairman added that any form of endorsement would constitute a conflict. **Motion made to close the executive session by John Viola, seconded by Frank Norton; motion passed by unanimous roll call vote at 9:45.**